

HOW OUR MEN DIED TOLD BY CHAPLAIN

Rev. Father Kelley of the 27th Says Battlefield Was Best Sermon on Preparedness for Death.

How American soldiers in France met death was told the other day by the Rev. Father F. A. Kelley, chaplain of the 27th Division, who praised warmly their devotion, unselfishness, and courage.

"I can speak intimately," he said, "only of the boys of the 27th Division, but I feel certain that what I say of the boys of the 27th Division can be truthfully said of the boys of every division which this great nation sent into foreign lands to battle with the foreign foe.

"To begin with, none of them was ignorant, at any time, of the danger in which he stood—too many around them were falling, victims of shells, of grenades, machine guns, and rifles. All those things played their part in bringing to our ranks death, but not destruction. The best sermon which the boys received on preparedness for death was their first view of a real battlefield. Here they saw those with whom they had associated, those whom they had called their pals, those with whom they lived, fellows from their own immediate section, laid prostrate by the heavy hand of death. What could be more natural than that they should realize from this the imminence of the danger which hourly surrounded them?

"So it was before each battle we found the lads not only willing, but anxious, to make their peace with their God above, praying to Jehovah of the Thunders, Lord God of Battles, for His aid, begging Him to guard them, to guide them, and to protect them. If perchance, as frequently happened, they were laid low by the shot or shell of the enemy, we always found in them without variance, a spirit of perfect resignation to the will of God: their thoughts were with those whom they had left behind; thoughts filled with human kindness, with gratitude and with love.

"But they thought other things. They thought of the sacrifice they were making, and their prayer uttered before the battle for guidance and protection now became a prayer that their sacrifice so willingly made might not be in vain. It was a wonderful sight, so frequently to see those men horribly mangled insistently put aside the services of the doctor with the words, 'You can't help me; I'm done for. Some of the others can go back on the job. Attend to them.' The sacrifice, the valor, the bravery of such lads can never be recounted, can never be amply told, for it defies power of tongue or pen to paint, with actual vividness, scene after scene of the battles and their results.

"It is for me a happy privilege to be able to say that I ministered to hundreds of the wounded and dying. I call it a privilege, for privilege it was to perform

for these wonderful youngsters those sacred acts which were to help them to obtain a happy hereafter.

"As to the attitude of the American soldier toward the chaplain is much beloved by his men because of the fact that their interests become his interests; their trials, his trials, their joys his joys, and their sorrows his sorrows. He becomes an intimate part of the conscious makeup of each and every man. He knows them intimately; he knows them well; he knows them not as an officer knows a soldier; he knows them from the plane of friendship, making their relations not strained, not guarded and guided ever by the thought of an officer and an enlisted man, but sealed and set with a mark of friendship and affection.

"Wherefore, we find that the work of an American chaplain is fruitful in and out of the line, wherever his men happen to be; his work is neither parable nor fiction, but is founded on acts and deeds which are at all times practical and beneficial.

"I know of no status in life where a man receives such return for his labor as does the chaplain laboring for the enlisted personnel of our American Army. Honor they give with their whole hearts and souls; affection and devotion they give in proportion as they receive. They are always kind, they are always considerate; even anxious to help, ever anxious to comply, willing always to learn not only martial but religious tactics, resulting in that which begets, at all times, a splendid type of soldier."—N. Y. Times.

The Convincing Foch.

The Germans seem at last to be waking up to some of the facts of their position. Their army was beaten in the field and they are at the mercy of the victors; but in spite of all that has happened since they seem to have persisted in the belief that they could negotiate with those victors on even terms. Not even their exclusion from the Peace Conference has availed to cure them of this strange delusion. It took Marshal Foch to do it, in so far as it has been done at all.

When Erzberger protested against the "harshness" of the revised terms, on the ground that they would imperil the success of the new German Government, Marshal Foch does not seem to have made any elaborate argument to let the light into that darkened mind. He merely replied, so our correspondent reports, "I know only peace and war. We have not peace, therefore we have war." It had nothing to do with Erzberger's de-

lusion that the stability of the new German Government is a matter dear to the hearts of the Allies, but it seems actually to have opened Erzberger's eyes to the true situation in which he stood, better than a 500-page thesis could have done. In other words, he got the idea.

In the same dispatch we read that the German Armistice Commission were greatly opposed to allowing Marshal Foch to decide all disputed points on the application of the armistice conditions; that they asked convincingly, "What is the use of our 'commission? You might as well have a dictator and be done with it." This is indeed the true state of the case. The commission had nothing to do except to sign on the dotted line, which was carefully pointed out to them by Marshal Foch. He might as well have been a dictator. This is the truth which the Allies, with unwearied patience, have been trying vainly to bore into some crack in the German skull. At last, although it is difficult to see how, they got the idea. It is possible that this revelation came to them through a singular circumstance, which was that, when they waited upon the Marshal as usual to tell him that they had as yet received no authority to sign the terms, the Marshal said "that he was going away at 6 o'clock and that Germany had better make up her mind by that time."

When the Spanish-American Peace Commission was at work ending the war of 1898, some of the Spaniards, it is said, objected to some of the terms as inadmissible, whereupon William R. Day, one of the American Commissioners, informed them that "a peace treaty can contain anything that the victors choose to put in it." Bismark, too, managed to convey the same idea to the French in 1871, so that the idea is not new to the Germans, however, they had got the notion that it does not apply to Germans, or perhaps that it applies to peace treaties only and not to armistice conventions. Foch, though famous as the man who brought the war to an end, has an additional title to fame; he seems to be the only man who can make a German understand things.—N. Y. Times.

F. W. Mehl returned yesterday to his home in Kansas City, after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Marie Louise Julia Mehl.

H. F. Blackwell went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day on legal business.

R. L. Johnston of Kansas City, spent Sunday her with friends.

Notice to all Insurance Companies and Agents doing business in the City of Lexington.

All insurance companies who are, or who may hereafter engage in or carry on, in this city, any life, fire, marine, mutual, casualty, plateglass or other insurance business must procure a license.

All insurance agents doing business in the City of Lexington as insurance agents as defined in Sec. 19 of this ordinance as passed by the Council shall procure a license to act as such insurance agents.

Insurance Companies and agents failing to comply with this ordinance may be fined not less than one (1) or more than One hundred (100) dollars.

LOUIS MINOR, Mayor.

Mrs. J. T. Dowdy returned Friday to her home in Jefferson City, after a week's visit with her son, R. H. Dowdy.

Mrs. Jacob Robinson left Friday for her home in Pawhuska, Okla., after a visit to Mrs. N. J. Revard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Green left Monday night for Chillicothe, Mo., where they will make their future home.

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Missouri	49,632,250	109	282,964
Mississippi	14,771,050	109	61,285
Kentucky	39,848,300	105	176,789
Illinois	44,296,550	103	258,282
Tennessee	18,283,450	100	64,619
City of St. Louis	79,009,800	104	287,654
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	\$295,329,750	113	1,395,299

Lafayette county's quota was \$1,421,000; \$1,469,100 was subscribed. There were 6,384 subscriptions.

Thomas Walton, Company A 140th Infantry, has returned home from service in France.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Penn left Sunday night for their home in Springfield, Mo., after a few days' visit here with relatives.

Mrs. L. B. Campbell left Monday for her home in Silome Springs, Ark., after an extended visit with her brother, W. H. Chiles.

Col. R. P. Palmer spent the week end in Lexington.

Mrs. M. C. Chambers returned Monday to her home in Kansas City, after a visit with Mrs. Marcelle Smiley.

Mrs. R. E. Shultz returned to her home in Kansas City Sunday night, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. C. M. Haekker.

Mrs. B. M. Little went to Kansas City Friday morning for a few days' visit.

Miss Jo Hinesley left Tuesday morning for Springfield, Mo., for a visit with friends.



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